

Easy for Wycombe —and Hamlet take the knock-out

Sports Mail Special Report

WYCOMBE WAN ... 3 : DULWICH HAMLET ... 0

WYCOMBE Wanderers dealt out the expected defeat to Dulwich Hamlet in an Amateur Cup 1st Round tie before a big crowd at Loakes Park.

Wycombe: Syrett; Beck, Pullin; Maharg, Roystone, Gale; Worley, Horseman, Lowen, Balson, Hodges.

Dulwich Hamlet: Darvill; Greenan, Hammond; Unwin, Joyce, Hennessy; Hollands, Smith, Dunwoody, Modesto, Vale.

Referee: E. L. Press (Staines).

Left winger Paul Hodges started some useful attacks for Wycombe early on and centre forward Lowen almost scored with one raking long-range shot which Darvill did well to stop.

Ten minutes after the start, Hodges again broke through and BALSON was there to put his square cross past Darvill.

But Dulwich were by no means outplayed. They hit back with a series of short, sharp raids in which Dunwoody and Modesto looked dangerous. But the home defence gave nothing away and Syrett shaped confidently in goal.

POWERFUL DRIVE

Lowen who led the Wycombe attack intelligently, headed a centre from Worley over the bar, but then Syrett did well to save a powerful drive from the Hamlet's 17-year-old winger Hollands.

It was no more than Wy-

combe deserved when, three minutes before half-time, LOWEN whipped in a second from a corner kick by the busy Worley.

Half-time: Wycombe Wanderers 2, Dulwich Hamlet 0.

Dulwich were soon on the defensive again in the second half but the Wanderers were lucky to add to their lead within two minutes when a kick from Balson bounced off centre half Joyce and eluded Darvill.

Hamlet were confined to sporadic breakaway attacks which rarely troubled the home defence.

ACTIVE WINGMEN

Although Horseman was less prominent than usual, Balson was also a source of danger to the Dulwich defence and Worley and Hodges were active on the wings.

Dulwich, who never gave up trying, were unlucky when Modesto put in a shot which Syrett just managed to reach, and again when a shot by Hollands hit the underside of the bar and rebounded out.

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WYCOMBE CUP MEN RACE ON

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WYCOMBE continued their victory run and were rarely seriously challenged in this Amateur Cup first round tie.

A goal by schoolteacher John Balson from a pass by left-winger Paul Hodges set Wycombe firmly on the winning way 10 minutes after the start.

Dulwich, although weakened by the absence of injured skipper Reg Merritt, hit back with spirited raids by centre-forward Dunwoody and by their clever 17-year-old wing pair Smith and Hollands.

But they were unable to sustain their attacks against the Wanderers vigilant defence in which Roystone was prominent.

Three minutes before half-time Lowen, Wycombe's new centre forward, scored a second goal from a corner by Worley, and a minute after the interval, centre-half Joyce unluckily diverted a shot by Balson into his own goal.

Wycombe, with a commanding lead and no great threat by the Dulwich forwards, slackened in the second half.

Their complacency robbed the game of its earlier excitement and almost proved their undoing, for diehard Hamlet hit back and were unlucky when Modesto and Hollands just failed to find the mark.